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1. INDOCHINA

SAIGON RADIO REPORTS 309,000 TROOPS, POLICE, CIVIL
SERVANTS OF FORMER REGIME UNDERWENT "REEDUCATION" LAST
MONTH. HANOI NEWSPAPER APPEALS TRAVELERS DELAY
TRIPS BETWEEN NVN, SVN, EXCEPT IN EMERGENCY, BECAUSE
GOVT STILL WORKING UNTANGLE TRANSPORT PROBLEMS (WP).

2. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

WH SAYS 70,000 VIET REFUGEES RESETTLED, WITH REMAINING
60,000 BEING PLACED AT 650-750 DAILY (UPI, NYDN). CSM'S
CASSELBERRY WRITES OF SPONSOR PROBLEM THAT GENERATES
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ANXIETY IN REFUGEES IN CAMP, SINCE INITIAL RUSH OVER
AND OFFERS DECLINING. NOTES "BREAKDOWN" CASES
REPORTEDLY INCREASE. POINTS OUT AVERAGE REFUGEE BEING
SETTLED IN BOSTON AREA BETTER EDUCATED THAN MAN-IN-STREET

THERE.

3. CHINA

INDIA REPORTEDLY UNALARMED OVER TIBET MISSILE BASE; SEES NO PRC NUCLEAR THREAT. INDIAN EXPERTS BELIEVE SOVIET DETERRENCE, CONSIDERATION IN PRC POLICY, AND PE-KING'S ICBM COMMITMENT EXPLAIN TIBET BASE. NEW DELHI RE-ACTING LOW-KEY TO SOVIET PREDICTIONS PRC WILL MAKE ICBM TEST OVER INDIA THIS FALL (RAM, CSM).

NYT, WP CARRY PHOTOS LIFE-SIZED POTTERY WARRIORS DISCOVERED NEAR SIAN, NW PRC; FIGURES BURIED SINCE CHIN DYNASTY, OVER 2000 YRS AGO.

PRC OFFICIAL PRESS CELEBRATES 9TH ANNIVERSARY MAO'S SWIM ACROSS YANGTSE RIVER WITH ARTICLES STRESSING IMPORTANCE OF SWIMMING IN MILITARY ARTS (WP).

4. JAPAN

UNIDENTIFIED YOUNG MAN HURLED FIRE BOMB AT CROWN PRINCE, PRINCESS NAHA THURSDAY. IMPERIAL COUPLE PAYING RESPECTS AT MEMORIAL TO ARMY NURSES WHO DIED IN OKINAWA DURING WW II. ASSAILANT ARRESTED ON SPOT. IMPERIAL COUPLE UNHURT, BUT AIDE INJURED, ACCORDING POLICE. JAPANESE LEFTISTS BLAME IMPERIAL FAMILY FOR WARTIME SUFFERING IN OKINAWA, DISCRIMINATORY RULE OVER ISLANDS (REUTER, NAHA).

ONE KILLED, 23 INJURED IN BLOODY CLASH BETWEEN RIVAL EXTREMISTS AT SHIMBASHI STATION TOKYO THURSDAY. TWO GROUPS MET THERE BY COINCIDENCE AFTER SEPARATE RALLIES TO PROTEST CROWN PRINCE VISIT OKINAWA. POLICE SAY ARRESTED 141 EXTREMISTS. EXTRA SECURITY PRECAUTIONS TAKEN IN TOKYO BY RIOT POLICE WHO CLOSED OFF STREET LEADING PAST AMEMBASSY (REUTER NAHA).
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RADICALS HURLED FIRE BOMBS AT POLICE STATION TOKYO WEDNESDAY IN PROTEST CROWN PRINCE VISIT TO OKINAWA (UPI, NYND).

DAVID RICHARDS (WSTAR 7/16) SAYS KENNEDY CENTER OFFICIALS REACTED WITH DELIGHT, DEFINITE SURPRISE TO REPORT GOJ STUDYING THREE MILLION DOL BICENTENNIAL GIFT TO COMPLETE EXPERIMENTAL THEATER. OBERDORFER (WP) CITES GOJ OFFICIALS SAYING KENNEDY CENTER PROJECT "LIKELY TO BE RECOMMENDED" BUT WOULD TAKE TIME TO MOVE THROUGH BUREAUCRACY, INCLUDING MOF APPROVAL. SEIDEN (SUN) CITES MIKI SPOKESMAN WEDNESDAY THAT PM "WILL MOST LIKELY FOLLOW" ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

EXIM BANK APPROVED 75 MILLION DOL RAW-COTTON CREDIT FOR JAPAN WEDNESDAY. ONE YEAR, EIGHT PERCENT LOAN TO BANK OF TOKYO WILL FINANCE EXPORT OF ABOUT 350,000 BALES US COTTON TO JAPANESE TEXTILE MILLS (WSJ, WASHINGTON).

JOC'S CULLISON IN TOKYO NOTES JAPAN RECORDED 1.9 BILLION DOL TRADE DEFICIT FIRST HALF 1975, FAR LESS THAN 6.7 BILLION DOL DEFICIT FIRST HALF LAST YEAR. IMPROVEMENT DUE IN PART TO SHARP REDUCTION OF OIL IMPORTS BY PRIVATE SECTOR. TWELVE PERCENT RISE IN EXPORTS TO 26.9 BILLION DOLS SMALLEST SINCE 1967.

5. BURMA

MIL COURTS SENTENCE 203 STUDENTS ARRESTED DURING JUNE ANTI-GOVT DEMONSTRATIONS TO 4-9 YR PRISON TERMS (AP, NYDN).

6. PHILIPPINES

RUMORS THAT USSR HAS BOUGHT MUCH AS 600,000 TONS RAW SUGAR FROM PHILS TOUCH OFF ACTIVE BUYING WORLD SUGAR FUTURES. PHILS INTERESTED BUYING 3.7 MILLION BUSHEL WHEAT FOR AUG, SEPT SHIPMENT FROM US, CANADA (WSJ).

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ELEVEN SENIOR CIVIL SERVANTS, CLAIMING EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE, DEFY SENATE COMMITTEE BY REFUSING ANSWER QUESTIONS ON FOREIGN LOANS DEALS THAT ROCKED CABINET. SENATE MADE NO MOVE CITE WITNESSES FOR CONTEMPT. POL OBSERVERS SAY APPEARS WHITLAM GOVT HAS SURVIVED WORST OF SCANDAL (WP).

CYPRIOT FREIGHTER DASHES OUT OF SYDNEY HARBOR WITHOUT CLEARANCE, CHASED IN VAIN BY POLICE, CUSTOMS. MARITIME OFFICIALS SAY SHIP LAMANT APPARENTLY HEADED FOR PRC WITH CARGO OF WOOL, LEATHER (REUTER, WP).

8. PACIFIC ISLANDS

CONGRESS EXPECTED APPROVE NORTH MARIANAS AS US COMMONWEALTH; HOUSE SHOULD PASS JOINT RESOLUTION 7/21, BUT TIMING, UNANIMITY OF SENATE VOTE LESS SURE -- THOUGH APPROVAL CONSIDERED CERTAIN. SEN HART PUSHES FOR HEARINGS IN COMMITTEES OTHER THAN INTERIOR ON GROUNDS LONG-RANGE FOREIGN POLICY, MIL, ECON IMPLICATIONS MUST BE EXPLORED (MOUT, CSM).

9. KOREA

NYT, NYDN, WP, CSM NOTE SECDEF VISIT TO KOREA, JAPAN
LATE AUGUST.

SYG WALDHEIM WEDNESDAY TOLD PRESS AT UN GOVTS OF NK,
SK RESUME DIRECT TALKS, TRYRESO EPROBLEM OF DIVIDED
PENINSULA BY PEACEFUL MEANS. DECLINED DISCUSS POSSIBLE
UN REACTION TO OUTBREAK NEW WAR IN KOREA, BECAUSE
NEW SITUATION CREATED BY US, ROK PROPOSAL TO DISMANTLE
UNC IF OTHER ARRANGEMENTS MADE TO ENFORCE TRUCE
(REUTER, UN).

NYT (SPECIAL) SAYS ROK WEDNESDAY BEGAN COLLECT NEW
NATL DEFENSE TAX. AVOWED AIM TO MAKE US MIL AID
UNNECESSARY. EXPECTED RAISE ABOUT 400 MILLION DOLS
OVER NEXT FIVE YEARS. ALSO NOTES ROKG BEGAN
WEDNESDAY TO DEVELOP BILL TO PLACE THOSE ONCE-CONVICTED
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ON COMMUNIST, ANTI-GOVT CHARGES UNDER POLICE SURVEILLANCE,
OR IN POLICE CUSTODY. MAY AFFECT 10,000 SKOREANS.

NK, SK AGREE RESUME RED CROSS MEETING NEXT WEEK,
ACCORDING RED CROSS SPOKESMAN. SUSPENDED SINCE MAY.
(AFP, NYT).

REV. HOWARD CHO CONDUCTS KOREAN LANGUAGE SERVICES
TWICE MONTHLY AT HARLEM METHODIST CHURCH, ROCKFORD,
ILL. ABOUT 60 AMERICAN FAMILIES TAKE PART, INCLUDING
SOME WHO ADOPTED KOREAN CHILDREN (AP, NYT).

10. GENERAL

WSJ COMMODITIES FEATURE CITES EXPORTERS SAYING JAPAN
BOUGHT ESTIMATED 4.7 MILLION BUSHEL US WHEAT FOR
SEPT, OCT DELIVERY; PHILIPPINES INTERESTED IN BUYING
3.7 MILLION BUSHEL WHEAT FOR AUG, SEPT SHIPMENT;
SK EXPECTED BUY TWO MILLION BUSHEL US CORN TUESDAY
FOR JULY, AUG SHIPMENT.

11. CHINA

SAIKOWSKI (CSM) STATES PRC ARMY HOLDS GREAT
ATTRACTION FOR YOUNG MEN; MORE DESIRE JOIN
THAN MILITARY CAN ACCEPT. ARMY EMPHASIZES VERSATILITY,
EQUALITY AMONG SOLDIERS, STRONG IDEOLOGICAL INDOCTRIN-
ATION (IN USIA CHINA CLIP SHEET).

O'NEILL (NYDN) WITNESSES ACUPUNCTURE AT SHANGHAI HOSPI-

TAL; SAYS PROCEDURE NOT REALLY CHINESE MEDICINE'S CHIEF
ACCOMPLISHMENT. MORE IMPRESSIVE IS PREVENTIVE MEDICINE,

RUDIMENTARY MEDICAL CARE PROVIDED FOR NEARLY ALL PRC'S 800 MILLION PEOPLE. NOTES TECHNICALLY TRAINED DOCTORS EXIST SIDE-BY-SIDE WITH THOSE PRACTICING TRADITIONAL METHODS.

TAYLOR (BALT N-A 7/16) SAYS HAK PRIVATELY INFORMED OF ANTI-PRC ANGLE IN BREZHNEV'S INVITATION TO PLO FOUNDER ARAFAT FOR MOSCOW VISIT. CITES MANY PALES-UNCLASSIFIED

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TINIAN TERRORIST GROUPS RECEIVE PEKING SUPPORT. OF SOVIETS, ARAFAT ONLY SAYS "HEARTS ARE WARM AND THE SNOW IS COLD THERE."

YATES (CHITRIB 7/12) STATES FEW ASIANS DISPUTE DOMINO THEORY SECTION WHICH SHOWS ROC'S ALLIES RAPIDLY FALLING AWAY TOWARD PEKING. CALLS TRADITIONAL US POLICY IN TAIWAN REGION "DEAD HORSE" -- SOMETHING WHICH WORRIES TAIPEI. BELIEVES ONLY ALTERNATIVE AVOIDING ROC POLITICAL ISOLATIONISM WOULD BE ROC-PEKING DETENTE, BUT CCK ADAMANTLY REFUSES. ASIAN NEIGHBORS SEEN WONDERING WHETHER WITH SUCH POLICY, "TAIWAN ISN'T FOOLING ITSELF."

JOC CRITICIZES UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S "LOPSIDED VOTING SYSTEM" UNDER WHICH ROC EXPELLED IN "CLEAR VIOLATION" UN'S BASIC CONCEPTS. QUESTIONS US ABILITY TO RECOGNIZE AS GENUINE WORLD FORUM BODY THAT EXCLUDES WHATEVER STATES ITS MAJORITY DOESN'T LIKE.

12. KOREA

ANDERSON/WHITTEN (WP) STATE JUSTICE QUIETLY INVESTIGATING CHARGES KCIA HAS TERRORIZED KOREAN EXILES IN US, SET UP ILLEGAL FRONTS TO MANIPULATE US OPINION, EVEN TRIED "BUY OFF" MEMBERS OF CONGRESS. SAY CHARGES SUMMARIZED IN LETTER TO AG LEVI FROM CONGRESSMAN FRASER, BASED ON STATEMENT BY DR. JAI HYON LEE, ROK DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION IN US IN EARLY 1970S. ADD STATEMENT CONFIRMED FOR MOST PART BY DON RANARD, FORMER OIC KOREA AT DOS (USIA WIRELESS FILE).

WILLIAM JONES (WP) SAYS IT AND T HOTEL SUBSIDIARY DISCUSSING SALE OF SHERATON-CARLTON TO C. WYATT DICKERSON, TONGSUN PARK FOR ABOUT FIVE MILLION DOLS. SHERATON SPOKESMAN CONFIRMED TALKS, SAID FIRM WOULD OPERATE HOTEL UNDER 20-YEAR LEASE. DICKERSON UNAVAILABLE FOR COMMENT, PARK REPORTED OUT OF COUNTRY.

SOUTHERLAND (CSM) REVIEWS ROKG CAMPAIGN TO CURB DONG-A ILBO OPPOSITION AGAINST PARK. NOTES 100 FORMER EMPLOYEES UNCLASSIFIED

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LINE UP IN SILENT PROTEST IN FRONT OF PAPER'S MAIN OFFICE EVERY MORNING, IN ONE OF FEW OPEN SIGNS OF PROTEST AGAINST AUTHORITARIAN POLICIES OF PARK. SAYS WERE FIRED IN MARCH, LEADING TO SUSPICION PUBLISHER KIM SANG MAN YIELDED TO GOVT PRESSURE, INCLUDING ADVERTISING BOYCOTT INSPIRED BY GOVT.

13. INDOCHINA

LEWIS (NYT) ATTACKS CREDIBILITY OF NESSEN, PRES, SECSTATE ON BASIS COMMENTS AT TIME OF DISCLOSURE SECRET NIXON COMMITMENTS TO THIEU. RECALLS HAK'S MARCH, 1974, REPLY TO SEN KENNEDY'S LTR THAT ASKED INFO ON US COMMITMENTS TO SVN; SECSTATE SAID US HAS NO BILATERAL WRITTEN COMMITMENT TO GVN. NOTES OFFICIAL FALSEHOOD PROBLEM SO SERIOUS, SO CORRUPTING OF CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESS, THAT NOW NUMEROUS PROPOSALS FOR CORRECTIVE LEGISLATION EXIST.

14. THAILAND

WP'S GREENWAY AT BANGKOK SAYS HAUGHTY, AUTOCRATIC KUKRIT PRESIDES OVER UNSURE THAI GOVT IN TIME GREAT INTERNAL, EXTERNAL UNCERTAINTIES. PM CONSIDERED TRICKY, CLEVER BUT MANY BELIEVE THAT TYPE NEEDED IF THAILAND TO SURVIVE. RECALLS KUKRIT WELL-KNOWN NOVELIST, JOURNALIST, AUTHORITY ON THAI DANCE, OXFORD-EDUCATED, WITH OFTEN-ASCERBIC WIT. NOTES NO COUNTRY FELT US COLLAPSE IN INDOCHINA MORE THAN THAILAND, WITH TRADITIONAL POLICY OF MEKONG CONTROL THREATENED BY NEW REGIMES IN LAOS, CAMBODIA, WHICH COUNTRIES IN PAST SERVED AS BUFFERS BETWEEN ANCIENT RIVALRY OF THAIS, VIETS. STATES RTG EMBARRASSED BY MEKONG INCIDENTS WITH PL, PRESENCE OF LAOTIAN REFUGEES, INCLUDING MEOS. THAIS ALSO HAVE INTERNAL TROUBLES: GUERRILLA MOVEMENT IN NE; TROUBLE WITH HILL TRIBES IN NORTH; COMMUNIST AND SEPARATIST MOVEMENTS IN SOUTH; INCREASINGLY MILITANT, IMPATIENT LABOR MOVEMENT; POLITICAL POLARIZATION WITH RIGHT-WINGERS ATTACKING LEFT-WING DEMONSTRATIONS; AND RISING CRIME CAUSED BY INCREASING INFLATION, UNEMPLOYMENT.

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GREENWAY REVIEWS RELATIONS WITH US, INCLUDING TROOP DRAW-DOWN AND MAYAGUEZ AFFAIR; ALSO, ACCOMMODATIONS BEING SOUGHT WITH COMMUNIST COUNTRIES "NOW THAT DEPENDENCE ON THE AMERICANS HAS PROVED TO HAVE BEEN A MISTAKE." ADDS MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE, INDONESIA EXPRESS CONCERN LEST THAILAND MOVES TOO FAR TOWARD COMMUNIST POWERS, WHILE

KUKRIT TRIES CONVINCE THEM RTG MERELY ADJUSTING TO
POST-VN REALITIES AND INTENDS REMAIN GOOD, LOYAL NEIGHBOR
(IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

15. INDONESIA

ARMY TIMES' LESTER FINDS 200-ODD AMERICANS ATTACHED TO
AMEMBASSY JAKARTA ISOLATED FROM INDONESIANS, UNINFORMED
ABOUT INDONESIAN CULTURE, LOOKING UPON LOCALS AS INFER-
IORS. TELLS OF ARMY WIFE WHO STARTED PROGRAM AT SCHOOL
TO TEACH INTL RELS TO CHILDREN, ACQUAINT THEM WITH INDO-
NESIAN SKILLS. SAME WIFE SAYS US MIL, DIP PERSONNEL
ABROAD ALIENATE LOCAL PEOPLE, WASTE TIME AT LAVISH COCK-
TAIL PARTIES, DISGRACE US IMAGE WITH TOO MUCH DRINKING,
TOO LITTLE THINKING OVERSEAS (CSM).

16. GENERAL

CHMN OF ACCURACY IN MEDIA IN LTR TO NYT DEFENDS SOLZHEN-
ITSYN'S VIEW OF WORLD AGAINST ATTACK IN JOSEPH KRAFT JULY
E COLUMN. QUOTES RUSSIAN THAT IN HALF OF EUROPE PEOPLE
HAD LESS WILL DEFEND SELVES THAN VIETS, AND THAT SOME
SUGGEST WE ABANDON KOREA, OTHER ASIAN COUNTRIES, IN HOPE
WE CAN GO ON DRIVING CARS, PLAYING GOLF, TENNIS.

KRISTOL, IN WSJ, SEES SPLIT BETWEEN RICH COUNTRIES,
"THIRD WORLD" AS QUESTION OF ATTITUDES ON LIBERAL POL,
ECON SYSTEMS AND NOT RELATIVE WEALTH, POVERTY. THIS EX-
PLAINS WHY US ALWAYS BEING ATTACKED, BUT SELDOM USSR.
THIRD WORLD HOSTILITY TOWARD LIBERAL CAPITALISM INDICATES
WHY SAUDI ARABIA, CUBA, ALGERIA ARE MEMBERS OF CLUB,
WHILE ISRAEL, ROC, SK, TURKEY ARE NOT. KRISTOL OFFERS
JAPAN AS EXAMPLE OF COUNTRY THAT STARTED TO MODERNIZE
LATE BUT CAUGHT UP; SEES COUNTRIES THAT SAY DON'T HAVE
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TIME MERELY ASSERTING WANT FRUITS ECON GROWTH BEFORE
GROWTH HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED. KISSINGER

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